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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7469

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AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

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SUBJECT: SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

REF: A) 74 GABORONE 738, B) 74 GABORONE 803, (C) 75 GABORONE 339,  
(D) 75 GABORONE 460, (E) 75 GABORONE 1698, (F) 73 GABORONE 1851,  
(G) 75 PRETORIA 4847, (H) 75 STATE 301341

PRETORIA FOR BANNERMAN AND BURGESS

1. REFS A, B, C, D AND F PROVIDE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF HOW SECURITY FUNDS WERE SPENT IN FY 74/75. MOST FUNDS WERE FOR SECURITY RENOVATIONS TO OFFICE BUILDING EXCEPT FOR SECURITY WALL AND GRILLES FOR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. RSO SPAULDING AND PSO DUNCAN MADE DECION TO DELETE SECURITY GRILLES FROM PROJECT (SEE PARA 2 REF C).

2. FUNS ALLOCATED FY 74/75 FOR SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS WERE SPENT AS FOLLOWS:

STRUCTURAL RENOVATIONS

TO CHANCERY (SEE REF B) \$28,071.74

INSTALLATION EMERGENCY GENERATOR

AT CHANCERY (SEE REF F) \$16,274.63

GUARD SERVICES AT CHANCERY AND

RESIDENCES (SEE REF D) \$ 4,383.00

SECURITY WALL AMBASSADOR'S

RESIDENCE (SEE REF B) \$15,461.25

TOTAL \$64,190.62

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3. RE PARA 2 REF H, SUBSEQUENT TO SECURITY SURVEY OF AUGUST 1975, PSO RECEIVED ORAL CONCURRENCE FROM RSO PRETORIA TO INCLUDE SECURITY GRILLES IN RECENT TERRORIST PACKAGE FOR THIRD FLOOR OFFICE BUILDING (CONCURRENCE CONFIRMED REF G). BUILDING ADJACENT TO CHANCERY MAKES THIRD FLOOR EXTREMELY VULNERABLE TO ACCESS FROM ROOF AND THEREBY NEGATES SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS MADE SECOND FLOOR SUBSTANTIVE AREA. AT PRESENT, INTRUDER COULD ENTER THIRD FLOOR AT NIGHT FROM ROOF ADJOINING BUILDING AND BREAK THROUGH WOOD DOOR INTO SUBSTANTIVE AREA. DOOR IS REINFORCED WITH SHEET STEEL AND STRONG LOCK, BUT DETERMINED EFFORT COULD RENDER DOOR USELESS WITHIN SHORT TIME.

4. RE PARA 3 REF H, EMBASSY VERY CONCERNED THAT SECURITY GRILLES BE INSTALLED ON ALL WINDOWS IN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. POLICE REPORTS INDICATE THAT SUBSTANTIAL BURGLAR THREAT EXISTS IN GABORONE SINCE SOPHISTICATED BURGLAR RING HAS BEGUN OPERATING HERE. RESIDENCES BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HAVE BEEN BURGLARIZED FOUR TIMES IN PART TWO MONTHS WITH ASSOCIATED VANDALISM. AT RESIDENCE SITUATION AGGRAVATED BY INADEQUATE STREET LIGHTING AND FREQUENTLY USED PEDESTRIAN PATHWAY NEARBY WHICH MAKES RESIDENCE EASY TARGET FOR INTRUSION. RSO HAS CONCURRED.

5. STRONGLY RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR STGL RESIDENCES BECAUSE OF NEW LOCAL BURGLARY PROBLEM IN ADDITION TO GENERAL TERRORISM THREAT.

6. RE PARA 5 REF H, PSO IS IN FREQUENT COMMUNICATION WITH RSO PRETORIA AND WILL COORDINATE CLOSELY ON ALARM REQUIREMENTS.

7. RSO CONCURRED WITH RECOMMENDATIONS GABORONE 1698 BY REF G.  
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